

Please add new Claims 14-16.

1 --14. The method of Claim 11, wherein said design variables include
2 ones from the group of journal angle, cone-profile angle, offset
3 angle, tooth crest length, radial position of the center of the crest
4 length, and the tooth angles.

A2 1 --15. The method of Claim 11, wherein said objective functions are
2 defined by

3
$$\text{Obj} = (V_1 - V_m)^2 + (V_2 - V_m)^2 + (V_3 - V_m)^2$$

4 where $V_m = (V_1 + V_2 + V_3)/3$, V_1 , V_2 and V_3 are the
5 volume removed by cones 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

1 --16. The method of Claim 11, wherein a lower bound of a tooth crest
2 length is determined by the tooth strength. --

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